

captivity, and recognizing their sacrifice to the United States; **Pages H9815–17**

Directing the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library to remove the bust of Roger Brooke Taney in the Old Supreme Court Chamber of the Capitol and to obtain a bust of Thurgood Marshall for installation in the Capitol or on the Capitol Grounds: S. 5229, to direct the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library to remove the bust of Roger Brooke Taney in the Old Supreme Court Chamber of the Capitol and to obtain a bust of Thurgood Marshall for installation in the Capitol or on the Capitol Grounds; **Pages H9817–21**

VAWA Technical Amendment Act of 2022: S. 7, to make a technical amendment to the Violence Against Women Act of 1994; **Pages H9821–23**

Countering Human Trafficking Act: S. 2991, to establish a Department of Homeland Security Center for Countering Human Trafficking; **Pages H9823–26**

Prison Camera Reform Act: S. 2899, to require the Director of the Bureau of Prisons to address deficiencies and make necessary upgrades to the security camera and radio systems of the Bureau of Prisons to ensure the health and safety of employees and inmates; and **Pages H9826–28**

Billy's Law: S. 5230, to increase accessibility to the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System, to facilitate data sharing between such system and the National Crime Information Center database of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 422 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 526. **Page H9842**

Recess: The House recessed at 3:46 p.m. and reconvened at 6:03 p.m. **Page H9821**

Equal Access to Green cards for Legal Employment Act: The House considered H.R. 3648, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate the per-country numerical limitation for employment-based immigrants, to increase the per-country numerical limitation for family-sponsored immigrants. Further consideration was postponed. **Page H9821**

H. Res. 1508, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 3648) and (H.R. 7946) was agreed to Tuesday, December 6th.

Law Enforcement De-Escalation Training Act of 2022: The House passed S. 4003, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide for training on alternatives to use of force, de-escalation, and mental and behavioral health and suicidal crises, by a yeas-and-nay vote of 264 yeas to 162 nays, Roll No. 525. **Page H9841**

H. Res. 1518, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1948), (S. 3905), (S. 4003), the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 1437), and the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 2617) was agreed to by a yeas-and-nay vote of 216 yeas to 206 nays, Roll No. 521, after the previous question was ordered by a yeas-and-nay vote of 212 yeas to 210 nays, Roll No. 520. Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 1518, H. Con. Res. 124 is considered passed House.

Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 1518, H. Res. 1516 is considered passed House. **Pages H9745–52**

Preventing Organizational Conflicts of Interest in Federal Acquisition Act: The House passed S. 3905, to prevent organizational conflicts of interest in Federal acquisition, by a yeas-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 205 nays, Roll No. 524. **Pages H9840–41**

H. Res. 1518, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1948), (S. 3905), (S. 4003), the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 1437), and the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 2617) was agreed to by a yeas-and-nay vote of 216 yeas to 206 nays, Roll No. 521, after the previous question was ordered by a yeas-and-nay vote of 212 yeas to 210 nays, Roll No. 520. **Pages H9745–52**

Senate Referrals: S. 4926 was held at the desk. S. 5006 was held at the desk. S. 5066 was held at the desk. **Page H9817**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H9817.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Seven yeas-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H9751–52, H9752, H9809–10, H9839–40, H9840–41, H9841, and H9842.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

Committee Meetings

EXAMINING THE POLICIES AND PRIORITIES OF THE CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Investment held a hearing entitled “Examining the Policies and Priorities of the Corporation for National and Community Service”. Testimony was heard from Deborah Jeffrey, Inspector General, Corporation for National and Community Service; and Michael Smith, Chief Executive Officer, Corporation for National and Community Service.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee held a markup on H. Res. 1476, of inquiry requesting the President to provide to the House of Representatives certain documents or records relating to coordination between social media companies and the Biden administration on information, censorship, and censorship meetings in order to suppress or deplatform persons or information the administration views as misinformation, disinformation, and malinformation on COVID-19, Hunter Biden, and elections, and certain documents or records relating to plans to provide grant funding to consortiums, including the Democratic National Committee, in the United States. H. Res. 1476 was ordered reported, without amendment.

CONSUMERS FIRST: SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Consumers First: Semi-Annual Report of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau”. Testimony was heard from Rohit Chopra, Director, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

U.S. POLICY TOWARDS THE CAUCASUS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Europe, Energy, the Environment, and Cyber held a hearing entitled “U.S. Policy Towards the Caucasus”. Testimony was heard from Karen Donfried, Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs, Department of State.

THE RISE OF ANTI-LGBTQI+ EXTREMISM AND VIOLENCE IN THE UNITED STATES

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Rise of Anti-LGBTQI+ Extremism and Violence in the United States”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PREPARING FOR AND PREVENTING THE NEXT PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY: LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE CORONAVIRUS CRISIS

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis held a hearing entitled “Preparing for and Preventing the Next Public Health Emergency: Lessons Learned from the Coronavirus Crisis”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus held a business meeting on the Report on “Preparing for and Preventing the Next Public Health Emergency: Lessons Learned

from the Coronavirus Crisis”. The Report was agreed to, as amended.

PUERTO RICO STATUS ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 8393, the “Puerto Rico Status Act”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 8–3, a closed rule providing for consideration of H.R. 8393, the “Puerto Rico Status Act”. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources or their designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 117–74 shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Chairman Grijalva, and Representatives Westerman, Hice, and González-Colón.

BUILDING REGIONAL INNOVATION ECONOMIES PART II

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Technology held a hearing entitled “Building Regional Innovation Economies Part II”. Testimony was heard from Alejandra Castillo, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development, Economic Development Administration, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing on legislation on the VA Housing Loan Forever Act of 2022. Testimony was heard from Chairman Clyburn; John Bell III, Executive Director, VA Home Loan Guaranty Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENTAL PRACTICES THROUGH TRADE POLICY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing entitled “Promoting Sustainable Environmental Practices Through Trade Policy”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings**SAVING UKRAINE'S CHILDREN**

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission received a briefing on saving Ukraine's children from Mykola Kuleba, and Dmytro Filipenko,

both of Save Ukraine; and James S. Gordon, The Center for Mind-Body Medicine.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1210)

H.R. 8404, to repeal the Defense of Marriage Act and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage. Signed on December 13, 2022. (Public Law 117–228)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2022

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's Semi-Annual Report to Congress, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Chemical Safety, Waste Management, Environmental Justice, and Regulatory Oversight, to hold

hearings to examine the impact of plastic use and identifying solutions for reducing plastic waste, 10 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health Policy, to receive a closed briefing on Russian activity across Africa, 10 a.m., SVC–217.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 2774, to amend title 35, United States Code, to address patent ownership, and the nominations of Todd E. Edelman, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, and Jill E. Steinberg, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia, Department of Justice, 9 a.m., SH–216.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine promoting healthy and affordable food for older Americans, 10 a.m., SD–562.

House

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing entitled “Examining Uvdale: The Search for Bipartisan Solutions to Gun Violence”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn and Zoom.

Committee on Oversight and Reform, Subcommittee on Government Operations, hearing entitled “FITARA 15.0”, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn and Zoom.